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In re Application of: Malcolm Betts et al.

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**Title: CROSS-CONNECTION OF HIGH BANDWIDTH SIGNAL
TRAFFIC ACROSS INDEPENDENT PARALLEL SHELVES**

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STATUS INQUIRY

Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the above-identified application. The application was filed on November 26, 2001 and applicant's attorney has not received an Examiner's communication from the Patent Office since the receipt of the Official Filing Receipt on December 5, 2001. This is merely an inquiry to make certain that the application is in good standing and is not a request for action on the case. Perhaps you could advise when we may expect to hear from the Patent Office on the merits of the case.

This inquiry is being submitted in duplicate, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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